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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing on the Philippines for the Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations

25X1 1. On 13 September 1984, the Subcommittee on East Asian  
25X1 and Pacific Affairs of the Senate Committee on Foreign  
25X1 Relations was briefed on the Communist insurgency in the  
Philippines by CIA, INR, and DIA. The briefers were [redacted]  
[redacted] Assistant National Intelligence Officer for East  
Asia; Frank McNeil, Deputy Director of INR; and [redacted]  
DIO for East Asia. The briefing was chaired by Subcommittee  
Chairman Frank H. Murkowski (R., AK). Other senators  
present were John Glenn (D., OH) and, briefly, Claiborne  
Pell (D., RI). The briefing followed the format and topics  
used in a briefing for the Asian and Pacific Affairs  
Subcommittee of the House Foreign Affairs Committee on  
12 September 1984. A transcript was taken of the SECRET  
25X1 level briefing. [redacted]

25X1 2. [redacted] introduced the other briefers and  
explained that INR would cover questions 1-5; DIA would  
respond to questions 6-12 and 22-24; CIA would answer  
questions 13-21. Mr. McNeil began with a political overview  
that touched on the strengths and weaknesses of the Marcos  
regime, the May 1984 parliamentary elections, and the Agrava  
Commission that investigated the 1983 Aquino assassination.  
25X1 [redacted] discussed the growth of the Communist New  
25X1 People's Army (NPA), public response to the NPA, and  
government efforts to deal with the insurgency. [redacted]  
covered intelligence sources on the Philippines, the  
economic situation, and corruption in the government and  
25X1 First Family. [redacted]

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3. The briefing was followed by questions from Senators Murkowski and Glenn. These dealt with the eventual succession question, the outlook for the 1987 elections, economic steps in connection with IMF requirements, NPA sources of support, the reaction of neighboring nations to the NPA rise, and any potential threat to US military bases in the Philippines. The Senators asked questions about US policy toward the Philippines and were told the briefers, as intelligence analysts, were not able to respond in this area. The briefing concluded with no follow-up matters.

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